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Our Case No. 10716/74

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Lewin <i>et al.</i>	)	
Serial No. 09/640,636	)	Examiner Alexander H. Spiegler
Filing Date: 08/17/2000	)	Group Art Unit No. 1656
For NOVEL HEMATOPOIETIC	)	
REGULATORY FACTORS AND	)	
METHODS OF USE THEREOF	)	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks and amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1, 5-12, 15-18, 21 and 54-56.

Please add the following new claims 57-66:

57. (New) A method of inhibiting differentiation of a stem cell, comprising:

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